GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept. – Allegations of forgery and irregularities in execution of JRY works in Chittampahad Grampanchayat, Nampally Mandal, Nalgonda District against Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer (Panchayat Raj)- Disciplinary action initiated – Enquiry Officer appointed – Report submitted - Imposition of punishment of 10% cut in pension besides recovery of misappropriated amount under Rule (1) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

G.O.Ms.No. 250

Dated:11.08.2011.

Read the following:-

- 1.Govt. Memo No.26914/Estt.III/A1/98-3, PR&RD(Estt.I) Dept., dt. 02.01.1999.
- 2. Written statement of defence of Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Asst. Engineer(PR), Mandal Parishad Office, Nampally, Nalgonda District (u/s), dt. –Nil-.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.740, PR & RD (Vig.I) Dept. dt. 19.05.2008.
- 4. From the Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD, D.O.Lr.No.918/COI.CK/ 2008, dt. 01.11.2008.
- 5. Govt. Memo No.249/Vig.I/2001-30, PR & RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 12.12.2008.
- 6. From Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Asst. Engineer (PR), dt. -03-2009.
- 7. Govt. Memo.No. 249/Vig.1/2001-31 dated: 07.06.2010
- 8. Explanation of Sri D. Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Asst. Engineer (PR), Mandal Parishad Office, Nampally, Nalgonda District (retired) dt. –Nil-received through ENC, PR, Lr No. Vig.6/2990/98 dated: 25.9.2010.
- 9. Govt. Lr.No.249/Vig.I/2001-33, PR & RD (Vig.I) Deptt., dt: 3.3.2011
- 10. From the Prl. Secy., APPSC, Hyd. Lr.No.386/RT-I/3/2011, Dt:31.5.2011.

In the reference 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, on the allegations of Misappropriation of forgery and irregularities in execution of JRY works in Chittampahad Grampanchayat, Nampally Mandal, Nalgonda District.

- 2. After examining the Written Statement of Defence of the Accused Officer, orders were issued appointing Smt. Chandana Khan, I.A.S., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, in the reference 3rd read above. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted her Enquiry Report. In the reference 5th read above, while communicating the Enquiry Report, the above said Officer has been directed to submit his representation, if any, on the Enquiry Report. Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), has submitted his representation in the reference 6th read above, stating that he was not involved in the case and requested the Government to sanction his pension and gratuity.
- 3. After carefully examining the Inquiry Officer's Report along with the Representation of the individual in the matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding the entire pension and gratuity permanently against Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.), Chittampahad, Gram Panchayat, Nalgonda district, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer (Retd.), Panchayat Raj, was, therefore, directed to show cause as to why a penalty of withholding the entire pension and gratuity permanently, should not be imposed on him under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide the Memo 7th read above.

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- 4. In the reference 8th read above, Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (Retd.), has submitted his reply to the above Show Cause Notice, denying the charges framed against him stating that he was not involved in the case and requested the Government to sanction pension and gratuity.
- 5. Government have further examined the matter in detail, and observed that the amount misappropriated is only Rs. 16,133/- in collusion with the Sarpanch during 1997-98. The punishment proposed is not commensurate with the gravity of the case and it is on high side. It is therefore proposed to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension against Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.,) Chittampahad, Gramapanchayat, Nalgonda district, besides recovery of misappropriated amount from his Gratuity.
- 6. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission was addressed for concurrence to the above provisional decision taken on imposition of 10% cut in Pension permanently on the Accused Officer, vide reference letter 9^{th} read above.
- 7. In the reference 10th read above, the Principal Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, has informed that "after careful examination of the case in the light of the records made available, Commission opined that the case is badly delayed which is against natural justice. As such, to meet the ends of justice, Commission advise that the punishment be reduced to 5% cut in pension for a period of 2 years besides recovery of Rs.16,113/- instead of 10% cut in pension along with recovery against Sri D. Krishnamurthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj (Retd.)."
- 8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby decide and impose the punishment of "10% cut in Pension, permanently, besides recovery of amounts Rs.16,113/- from his gratuity", on Sri D. Krishna Murthy, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj (now Retired), Nalgonda District, under Rule 9 (1) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR.RAJIV SHARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(PR)

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad. (with a request to serve this order on the Charged Officer and furnish the dated acknowledgement, to the Govt.). The individual **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, (w.r.t. Letter No. 386/RT-I/3/2010, Dated:31.5.2011). SF/SC.

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